



Impact of Microplastics on Aquatic Ecosystems

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Message from the Guest Editors

Microplastics are found in almost all abiotic and biotic ecosystem compartments on Earth. Microplastics, as well as the chemicals and microorganisms they carry in aquatic ecosystems, have the potential to affect water quality, elemental biogeochemical cycling, the health of aquatic organisms, food safety, and even the global climate. Therefore, it is necessary to summarize the studies of the impacts of microplastics on aquatic ecosystems (including the freshwater and marine ecosystems) to achieve a better understanding of the risk and an informed management strategy. The Special Issue of *Water* calls for papers presenting recent advances in the **Impact of Microplastics on Aquatic Ecosystems** including, but not limited to, the following topics:

- The pollution status, characteristics, and driving mechanisms of microplastics in aquatic ecosystems.
- The fate and degradability of microplastics in aquatic ecosystems.
- Impacts of microplastics on the plants, animals, and microorganisms in aquatic ecosystems.
- Impacts of microplastics on aquatic ecosystem functions and services.
- The risk assessment of microplastics in aquatic ecosystems.





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